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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$65** for a Small Entity

- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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EXAMPLES OF FEES BEING ADJUSTED

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DESCRIPTION	FY 2003	FY 2004	* Indicates fees remain at FY 2003 amount
Basic filing fee - Utility	\$750	\$770	
Basic filing fee - Utility (Small Entity)	\$375	\$385	
Independent claims in excess of three	\$84	\$86	
Independent claims in excess of three (Small Entity)	\$42	\$43	
Claims in excess of twenty	\$18	\$18*	
Claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	\$9	\$9*	
Multiple dependent claim	\$280	\$290	
Multiple dependent claim (Small Entity)	\$140	\$145	
Surcharge - Late filing fee	\$130	\$130	
Surcharge - Late filing fee (Small Entity)	\$65	\$65	
Design filing fee	\$330	\$340	
Design filing fee (Small Entity)	\$165	\$170	
Plant filing fee	\$520	\$530	
Plant filing fee (Small Entity)	\$260	\$265	
Reissue filing fee	\$750	\$770	
Reissue filing fee (Small Entity)	\$375	\$385	
Reissue independent claims	\$84	\$86	
Reissue independent claims (Small Entity)	\$42	\$43	
Reissue claims in excess of twenty	\$18	\$18*	
Reissue claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	\$9	\$9*	
Provisional application filing fee	\$160	\$160*	
Provisional application filing fee (Small Entity)	\$80	\$80*	
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee	\$50	\$50*	
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee (Small Entity)	\$25	\$25*	
Non-English Specification	\$130	\$130*	
Extension - First month	\$110	\$110*	
Extension - First month (Small Entity)	\$55	\$55*	
Extension - Second month	\$410	\$420	
Extension - Second month (Small Entity)	\$205	\$210	
Extension - Third month	\$930	\$950	
Extension - Third month (Small Entity)	\$465	\$475	
Extension - Fourth month	\$1,450	\$1,480	
Extension - Fourth month (Small Entity)	\$725	\$740	
Extension - Fifth month	\$1,970	\$2,010	
Extension - Fifth month (Small Entity)	\$985	\$1,005	
Petition	\$130	\$130*	
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